

## David Holland

Partner  
Sydney

### Biography

David Holland is a Partner in our Corporate and Finance team in Sydney. He is a leading M&A lawyer having acted on some of Australia's largest merger transactions in recent times. He advises major corporate organisations as well as government on proposed trade sales, purchases and initial public offerings.

His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and corporate and securities law, private company acquisitions, public company takeovers and mergers, Australian Securities Exchange rules and initial public offerings, capital raisings, securities issues and corporate governance and compliance.

### Representative experience

Advised Merck & Co on its acquisition of Viralytics for \$502m by scheme of arrangement.\*

Acted for Home Consortium on its acquisition of the Masters business from Woolworths.\*

Advised Valeant Pharmaceuticals International on the sale of iNova Pharmaceuticals to a company jointly owned by Pacific Equity Partners and the Carlyle Group for US\$930 million.\*

Advised HT&E Limited on the acquisition of Adshel outdoor advertising and APN radio businesses, and



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Capital Markets

Mergers and Acquisitions

Gaming Law

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### Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Private Capital

associated equity raisings to fund them.\*

Advised ASX listed Billabong International Limited on the \$60 million sale of its Tigerlily fashion business to private equity firm Crescent Capital.\*

Advised Emeco Holdings in connection with the \$69.8 million acquisition of Force Equipment and \$80 million acquisition of Matilda Equipment Holdings and associated equity raisings to fund them.\*

Advised NSW Government on the sale to the private sector of some of its electricity assets and businesses.\*

Advised NSW Government on Crown Sydney's resort and gaming facility at Barangaroo.\*

Advised Sims Group on its US\$1.7 billion merger with Metal Management, Inc. and the subsequent listing of Sims ADS on NYSE.\*

Advised KKR on its investment in the \$4 billion media joint venture with Seven Networks Limited and its sale to Western Australian Newspapers Limited.\*

Acted for HT&E Limited on the demerger of its NZ media business, NZME, and its listing on ASX and NZX.\*

Advised Duke Energy in the disposal of its \$1.7 billion portfolio of gas pipeline and electricity generation assets in Australia and New Zealand to Alinta Limited.\*

Advised TPG on the \$3 billion take private of Alinta by means of a court sanctioned creditors scheme approved in March 2011 and complementary schemes at the listed entity level.\*

Advised Sims Group on its \$650 million acquisition of Sims Hugo Neu Company LLC and its restructure by scheme of arrangement.\*

Advised MIA Group in connection with its merger by scheme of arrangement with DCA Group Limited with a deal value of \$700 million.\*

Sports, Media & Entertainment

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## Areas of focus

Esports and Gaming

Sports

Media

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.B., University of New South Wales, Australia, 1994

Bachelor of Commerce (BCom), University of New South Wales, Australia, 1992

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## Memberships

Law Society of New South Wales

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## Court admissions

Supreme Court of New South Wales

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\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Corporate Law & Mergers and Acquisitions Law, *Best Lawyers (Australia)*, 2016-2022
- Ranked as highly regarded lawyer for Capital Markets: Equity, and M&A, *IFLR1000*, 2019
- Noted in Band 3 for Capital Markets, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Analysis
  - Foreign Investment in Australia: what you need to know
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Aware Super on their A\$3.5bn consortium bid with MIRA for ASX Listed Vocus Group Limited
- Webinar
  - Sports and esports - the same but different?!
- News
  - The rise of FDI regimes and their impact on M&A transactions
- Analysis
  - Major reforms to Australia's foreign investment framework to commence on 1 January 2021
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Novartis in respiratory cell therapy licensing deal with Mesoblast